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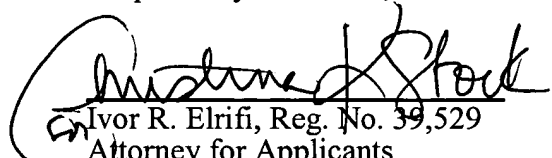
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the December 9, 2003 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the one-month extension, this filing is due on June 9, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed herewith as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-559. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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